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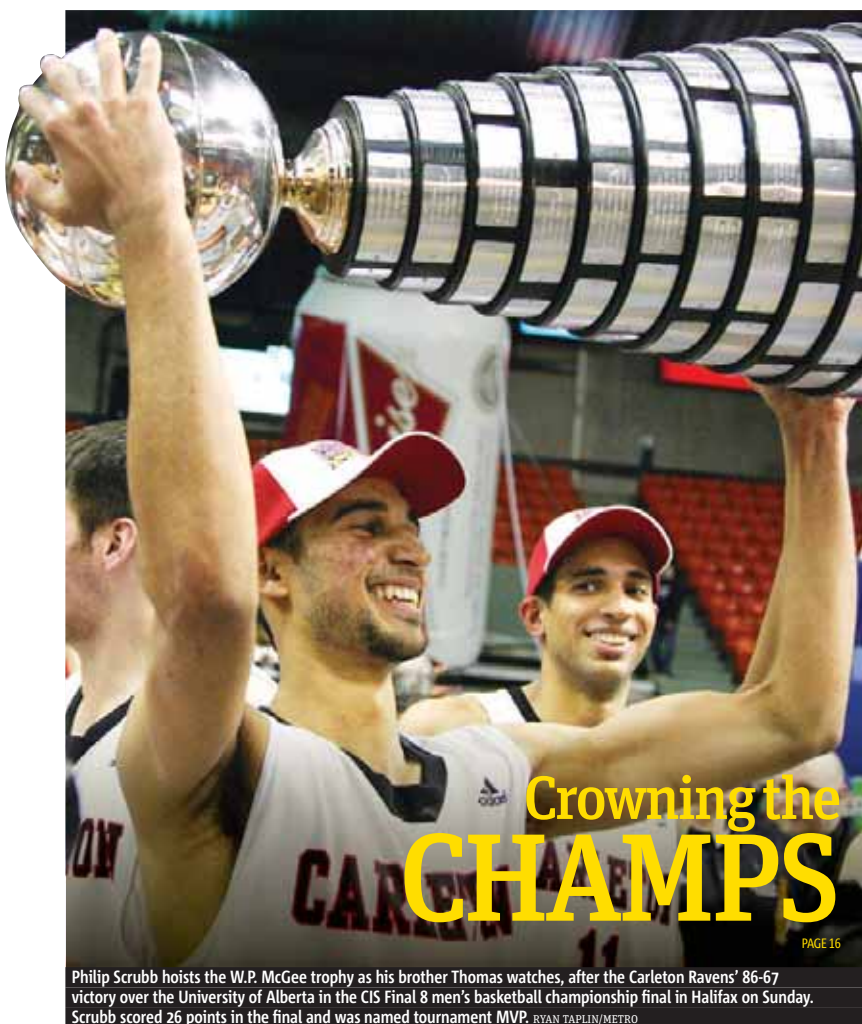
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Philip Scrubb hoists the W.P. McGee trophy as his brother Thomas watches, after the Carleton Ravens' 86-67 victory over the University of Alberta in the CIS Final 8 men's basketball championship final in Halifax on Sunday. Scrubb scored 26 points in the final and was named tournament MVP. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Transit deal done

Agreement. Nearly six-week strike could be over if tentative contract is accepted



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Buses and ferries could be operating by the end of the week if a tentative contract is approved.

After three long days of negotiations, Metro Transit and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 came to a tentative deal shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday.

The deal will need a vote by union members and a ratification by council — both expected to happen on Tuesday. The union executive is recommending the deal.

"To the public, we're getting them back," Mayor Peter Kelly told reporters. "Hopefully, the buses will be back

on the road by Friday and the ferry, depending on who's in and who's out, maybe a bit before."

Ken Wilson, union local president, didn't talk to reporters much before he left the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth for the last time Sunday night.

"I'm happy with it," he said. "It's not the best deal, but I think it's liveable and manageable. I can't discuss it with the media right now because the membership has the right to hear it first."

Eddie Robar, director of Metro Transit, said there was give and take throughout the process. He said he wouldn't release any details either, including the length of the tentative contract, until after it's been ratified.

"It's been a long few days but it's been worth it, so we're happy to be finished," Robar said.

There were some face-to-face meetings as well as back and forth through the provin-

Announcement



"We have very good news. We are pleased to indicate that we have a tentative agreement that will be supported by all parties unanimously."

Mayor Peter Kelly

cially appointed conciliator.

Robar said he's optimistic the deal will pass the union's ratification vote since it was unanimously supported. Kelly added the deal was within the parameters set by council, so hopefully it will pass there as well.

There was no planned meeting Tuesday, but Kelly said he'll call council in for a meeting at 5 p.m. for a vote on ratifying the deal.



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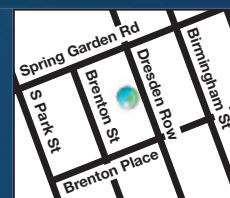


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Shots fired at home

Shooting not random: RCMP

Halifax police are investigating after shots were fired at a residence in North Preston early Sunday.

At about 3:20 a.m., Halifax RCMP responded to a complaint that a home on Clarence Street had been struck by gun shots.

RCMP Sgt. Bruce Webb says the incident is not random and appears to be a form of retaliation. He says the residence was occupied at the time, but no one was injured.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating.

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Weapons

Two charged in gun-point assault

Two men are facing charges after a man was assaulted at gunpoint Friday evening in North Preston.

Halifax RCMP say a man was walking on Downey Road when he was approached by a group of three men and was assaulted by one of them.

Police say a fourth man then pointed a firearm at the victim.

The suspects fled the scene on foot and were later located by police.

Both men, ages 19 and 20, were arrested without incident and are facing assault and weapons charges.

Police say the victim received minor injuries and all of the men were known to each other.

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Break-and-enter probe

Man faces charges of sex assault

A Cape Breton man is due in court on Monday facing sexual assault charges following an investigation into a break-and-enter in Sydney.

Police in Cape Breton say 23-year-old Christopher Charles French is charged with break-and-enter, sexual assault and breach of probation.

The charges stem from a residential break-in on Tain Street on March 8.

Police do not believe this is a random incident.

French will appear in court on Monday.

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A jogger runs past the Dalhousie sign on University Avenue on Sunday afternoon. Classes will go on as scheduled on Monday after the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the university reached a tentative deal in their labour dispute. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Strike averted at Dalhousie University

Labour talks. Dalhousie faculty and university reach tentative deal



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Students at Dalhousie University are returning to class this morning after a tense week-end with a strike deadline looming.

Bargaining teams for the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Board of Governors met Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn in

Dartmouth — the same hotel where Metro Transit and their union met.

The DFA announced at around 3 p.m. Sunday a tentative deal had been reached. The strike deadline was midnight Sunday.

Anthony Stewart, president of the DFA, was clearly frustrated by the process. He said the talks took much longer than they should have, considering the province announced rule changes to university pensions last week — the big sticking point for both the DFA and NSGEU Local 77, support staff, who are also in negotiations.

He called the process “terrible” and added that he was glad it was done.

“If I were a student at this university, I’d be really unhappy with how this has gone,” he said. “I feel best for the students because that’s the issue here, is the amount of stress it’s caused on the kids.”

Association members will still have to vote on the deal and it would need to be ratified by the university. Stewart said he didn’t know if the DFA executive will recommend the deal to its members or not.

He said a vote will happen as soon as possible.

Members of the administration’s bargaining team didn’t talk to media as they departed the Holiday Inn Sunday. But in an email to Metro on Sunday night, Dalhousie

Still talking

NSGEU Local 77, representing Dalhousie University support workers, is still in negotiations with the university.

president Tom Traves said he was pleased an agreement was reached so it’s business as usual for students on Monday.

“The provincial government’s decision to exempt universities from the solvency test for our pension plans, something I have been promoting for several years, made a big difference since it essentially removed a major roadblock between us,” Traves wrote.



Skaters use the skating oval in this file photo. The oval is now closed for the season. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Skating. Oval is now closed for the season

Halifax Regional Municipality announced on Friday it can no longer sustain the ice at the oval because of fluctuating temperatures.

Crews will begin dismantling the site this week.

About 130,000 people skated on the oval since it

opened Dec. 23.

The oval cost the city about \$4.3 million to build.

A release from HRM says a public-information session will be held on potential further development of the oval site.

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Mobile news



Quebec icon Celine Dion and Montreal landmark Schwartz’s deli are fitting together like smoked meat and rye. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

iPad for pigs

Now that the new iPad is out, you may wonder what to do with your outdated iPad 2. Fear not, Metro has you covered. Go to metronews.ca for a look at weird ways people use iPads around the world — from entertaining their pigs (it’s the law in Europe) to subbing it for a chopping board (à la Jake Gyllenhaal).

NDP leadership

Mulcair, Singh look to be teaming up

Is Martin Singh playing the role of Thomas Mulcair's attack dog?

Rival camps in the NDP leadership contest certainly think so.

For weeks there's been rampant speculation that Singh, a Musquodoboit Harbour pharmacist with little chance of winning, had allied himself with Mulcair.

That speculation has hardened into virtual certainty for many New Democrats after Singh's performance in the last two leadership debates.

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Martin Singh RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Halifax

Unemployment numbers dip a bit

Nova Scotia's unemployment rate dipped slightly in February, to 8.2 per cent from 8.4 per cent. Halifax's unemployment rate came in at 5.8 per cent, the lowest in the province.

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Port Hawkesbury

Union members hopeful over paper mill contract talks

Contract talks began Saturday for the union representing workers at an idled paper mill in Cape Breton.

The workers at the NewPage Port Hawkesbury

mill are represented by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union.

Steve MacDougall, a spokesman for union Local 972, said members were hopeful heading into talks with Stern Partners Inc. Vancouver-based Pacific West Commercial Corp., an affiliate of Stern Partners, is in negotiations to buy the mill in Point Tupper.

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Cops investigating homicide after man found dead in home



Police continue to investigate the scene of a homicide at 56 Havenbrook Hill on Sunday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Cause. Police won't say how victim died

Halifax Regional Police are saying little about HRM's third homicide of the year.

Just before 2:30 a.m. on Friday, police responded to 56 Havenbrook Hill in Dartmouth's Portland Hills subdivision in relation to a man being found dead inside the home. Police immediately called the death suspicious but determined it was a homicide after an autopsy was conducted on Saturday by the provincial medical examiner.

Police aren't saying how the victim was killed, and haven't released his name or age, as next-of-kin notification continued on Sunday, according to spokeswoman Theresa Rath.

"We are not disclosing any details about the death itself," Rath said.

Investigators were back at the scene Sunday, searching for evidence in and around the home in the quiet Dartmouth subdivision.

Rath said there have been "a number of scenes to process" outside the home, along with one inside.

Rath said someone who had been inside the home called police about the dead body. About an hour later, two men were taken into custody but later released without charges just after midnight on Saturday.

"Through our forensic identification work, we'll determine how long the man had been deceased," Rath said. "I don't know and I can't get into those details."

She said neighbours have been co-operating well with investigators, adding that anyone who knows anything about the case and hasn't yet talked to police should come forward.

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Other homicides

- Feb. 2:** Marc Bernard Tremblay was found suffering from fatal stab wounds at the corner of Ashdale Avenue and Titus Street in Fairview. Aidan Cromwall is charged with second-degree murder in the case.
- Feb. 19:** James Alexander (Sandy) Lyle was found dead on the shoulder of a road in the area of Montague Gold Mines from a gunshot wound. There have been no arrests.

Protesters rally over election-fraud scandal

Protesters armed with placards and megaphones gathered in a number of Canadian cities across Canada on Sunday to call for a public inquiry into the robocall election-fraud scandal.

There were modest turnouts of several dozen in Halifax at Grand Parade Square and Montreal while local media outlets estimated the turnout in Toronto was in the hundreds.

The Halifax event featured MP Megan Leslie as one of several people to address the

crowd.

In Winnipeg, former Liberal MP Anita Neville joined more than 100 protesters.

Neville lost to Conservative Joyce Bateman in the riding of Winnipeg South Centre in the 2011 election, and some Liberals have said robocalls may have hurt Neville's campaign.

Protest organizers are calling for a full public inquiry into the robocall scandal, in which thousands of voters got phone calls directing them away from the proper

Robocall

75

The estimated number of people who turned out for yesterday's robocall protest in Halifax.

polling stations in last May's election.

Montreal demonstrator Alexandra Smith says she wants someone held ac-

countable for the robocalls to ensure Canada has fair and transparent elections.

The Liberals and New Democrats accuse the Conservatives of being behind the calls — a charge Prime Minister Stephen Harper denies.

Elections Canada is reviewing more than 31,000 reports of Canadians receiving robocalls.

About 42,000 people have signed an online petition for a public inquiry into the matter. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Organizer Krista Simon speaks at a robocall protest at Grand Parade on Sunday afternoon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Premier defends use of clause to dole out ships contract

Shipbuilding campaign. Untendered contracts awarded a dozen other times last year, province says

An emergency clause used by the province to award an untendered contract to promote its shipbuilding bid was used 12 other times last year, but provincial records show nearly all of those contracts went to fix problems that risked public safety.

The province's Economic Development Department released a list of 12 projects in addition to the one given to consulting firm MT&L Public Relations Ltd. for its so-called "Ships Start Here" marketing campaign.

Those projects, which included repair work for roads that were washed out after flash flooding, stand in contrast to the \$303,000 contract for the shipbuilding campaign.

"Overwhelmingly, these projects relate to emergency construction situations where public safety is a concern," department spokesman Toby Koffman said in an email.

"For example, bridge and road damage."

Premier Darrell Dexter has

Largest contract

- The largest contract was for \$795,691, awarded to Municipal Ready Mix Ltd., for repairs to the Victoria Road culvert washed out in torrential rains that swamped Cape Breton in December 2010.

defended Nova Scotia Business Inc., a provincial economic development agency, in its use of the emergency clause to award the marketing contract. He has said it was necessary to quickly respond to advertising campaigns from competitors vying for Ottawa's \$25-billion contract to build combat navy vessels, which was launched in June 2010.

Dexter said it's not uncommon for provincial governments to use the emergency clause for marketing campaigns.

"Previous governments ... have approved communications contracts on an emergency basis," Dexter said.

In total, the government gave more than \$2.5 million in untendered contracts using its emergency clause.

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Premier Darrell Dexter attends an announcement at the Nova Scotia Community College Akerley Campus in this file photo from September.
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Liberals. 'Excuses the premier's office are coming up with just don't hold water'

Liberal member Andrew Younger said Premier Darrell Dexter's defence of the untendered contract for the "Ships Start Here" campaign is losing credibility.

"I think the more information that comes out about this, the more we find out that the excuses the premier's office are coming up with just don't hold water," said Younger.

MT&L Public Relations began its work last April, but the province's Treasury Board did not authorize its contract until two months later.

Dexter said Nova Scotia Business Inc. sought the Treasury Board's approval once it realized the work for MT&L Public Relations would exceed \$100,000. Under government procurement rules,



Andrew Younger METRO FILE

the board must approve emergency contracts worth more than \$100,000.

The Irving shipyard in Halifax won Ottawa's shipbuilding contract last October.

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NOVA SCOTIA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

A Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission has been established to recommend revisions to the electoral boundaries for the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia.

The Commission will hold public meetings across the province to obtain public input on changes to Nova Scotia's electoral boundaries. It is asking for input on several key subject areas. A list of questions regarding these key subject areas can be obtained by contacting the Commission or by visiting the Commission's website.

THE FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

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10 Cherry Brook Road

Individuals and organizations wishing to present views to the Commission are invited to attend a public meeting in their area. Please advise the Commission in advance by calling toll-free 1-808-388-6489. Nova Scotians may also express their views on the same toll-free line. Please contact the Commission in advance to discuss any special needs. French interpretation services will be provided at the meetings in Halifax, Louisdale, Tusket and Church Point/Pointe de l'Église.

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Vikileaks raises debate about handling of divorce records

Privacy. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' case has prompted questions on whether peeking into divorce files should be allowed

When details of Vic Toews' difficult divorce were splashed across Twitter, many Canadians shared a commiserating shudder with the public safety minister.

Those who've been through an ugly split involving litigation know some of the most intimate details of their lives are often contained in publicly accessible records.

That includes not just bitter affidavits but social insurance numbers, tax returns, mortgage statements, investment details — the list goes on. Even if a case is settled prior to going before a judge, the files remain.

Some family-law and privacy experts suggest the time

has come to change the way divorce records are handled.

Toews last week obtained a court order to see who had accessed his divorce file — parties to the litigation and journalists would not be listed. But that didn't change the public nature of the file itself.

Toronto-area lawyer Andrew Feldstein says one of his clients was ostracized by many friends after a divorce. Feldstein heard through the grapevine many of the couple's acquaintances went

to take a look at the court filings.

"It also gives one side a very large advantage in the negotiation of the matrimonial dispute, because when you put something in a court file, it's subject to absolute privilege," Feldstein says.

"When the media goes and reads a court file, the media can say these are allegations contained in the court file.... That means there's no ability to sue for slander or libel at the end of the day."

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Counter-argument

Critics warn that protecting the identities of Canadians in family-law cases would only undermine the concept of the open legal system, where the public — and the media by extension — is entitled to know what is going on.

- Chris Waddell, director of Carleton University's School of Journalism and Communication, says the value of having the records remain public

clearly outweighs the few times a couple's divorce files are perused.

- "One thing that's important about politicians is their character. It's in the voter's interest to know the character of politicians, and this might be information that would help you determine the character of a politician," he offers as an example.



A year later, Japan remembers

Children light candles during a memorial service Sunday for the victims of the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami, near the site of Heijo Palace in Nara, central Japan. The massive quake and tsunami killed just over 19,000 people and unleashed the world's worst nuclear crisis in a quarter-century. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crimes. Gays, 'emo' youths in Iraq targeted by rising violence

Young people who identify themselves as so-called "emos" are being brutally killed at an alarming rate in Iraq, where militias have distributed hit lists of victims and security forces say they are unable to stop crimes against the subculture that is widely perceived in Iraq as being gay.

Officials and human-rights groups estimated as many as 58 Iraqis who are either gay or

believed to be gay have been killed in the last six weeks alone — forecasting what experts fear is a return to the rampant hate crimes against homosexuals in 2009. This year, eyewitnesses and human-rights groups say some of the victims have been bludgeoned to death by militiamen smashing in their skulls with heavy cement blocks.

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Arrest. Panama police nab alleged Canadian Hells Angels fugitive

Police in Panama say they have captured a fugitive with suspected ties to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang who is wanted in Canada for 22 murders.

A police statement says Michel Smith was detained Friday in the Playa Coronado tourist region, 100 kilometres west of Panama City.

The statement released Sunday said Smith was cap-

tured after a two-month surveillance operation, adding that he is wanted in Canada on 29 charges, including 22 counts of murder.

Canadian police have been looking for Smith since a massive 2009 gang sweep in Quebec.

Panamanian police say they are co-ordinating his extradition to Canada.

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Missing money. Head of NGO flees with Canadian aid for Mali: Documents

A Burundian man with permanent-resident status in Canada made off with thousands of dollars in Canadian aid money that was supposed to help people living in one of the poorest countries in the world, newly released documents show.

Officials at the Canadian International Development Agency do not expect to recover \$30,000 from the head of a non-governmental organ-

ization called Cercle de Formation, Recherche, Economique et Sociale, or CFORE, who apparently fled Mali after Canadian diplomats went to court to try to get the money back.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act show how money meant to improve sanitation in a small village in Mali went missing.

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Egypt. Doctor acquitted in virginity-test trial

An Egyptian military tribunal on Sunday acquitted an army doctor of a charge of public obscenity filed by a protester who claimed she was forced to undergo a virginity test while in detention.

The court denied the humiliating tests even took place, despite a ruling by another court and admissions by generals quoted by a leading rights group.

The ruling further infuriated the country's revolutionary youth movements, who have said claims of the virginity tests were the first sign that the generals who took over from deposed President Hosni Mubarak

Court's ruling

- Sunday's verdict was likely to lend credibility to widespread suspicions that the generals were trying to remove any legal basis for prosecution for crimes committed during their rule after they step down.
- Activists are calling for the generals to face charges for human-rights abuses.

13 months ago were carrying on his repressive practices.

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Bloodshed in Syria

UN's push for Syria ceasefire falls flat

An international push to end Syria's conflict stalled Sunday as UN envoy Kofi Annan left Damascus without a ceasefire and President Bashar Assad's forces pounded opposition areas and clashed with rebels throughout the country.

Western and Arab powers are struggling for ways

to stem the bloodshed in the year-old conflict while both the regime and the opposition reject dialogue. Former UN secretary general Kofi Annan appeared to make little progress during two visits with Assad during his first trip to Syria as the joint UN-Arab League envoy.

Annan was seeking an immediate cease-fire to allow for humanitarian aid and the start of a dialogue between all parties.

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Rogue U.S. soldier kills 16 civilians: Official



An Afghan youth mourns for relatives, who were allegedly killed by a U.S. service member in Panjwai, Kandahar, Sunday. ALLAUDDIN KHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deepening crisis.

Army sergeant accused in killing spree that threatens reconciliation after Qur'an burnings

President Barack Obama and Defence Secretary Leon Panetta both called Afghan President Hamid Karzai to express their condolences after a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan wandered off base and allegedly gunned down 16 villagers, and Panetta vowed to "bring those responsible to justice."

In a statement released Sunday by the White House, Obama said, "This incident is

Murder spree

"This is an assassination, an intentional killing of innocent civilians and cannot be forgiven."

Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai

tragic and shocking, and does not represent the exceptional character of our military and the respect that the United States has for the people of Afghanistan."

Panetta said a full investigation was under way.

The shootings come at a particularly sensitive and critical time for the U.S., just as violence over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. base was starting to calm down.

The attack threatened the deepest breach yet in U.S.-Afghan relations, raising questions in Washington and Kabul about why American troops are still fighting in Afghanistan after 10 years of conflict and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Residents said Sunday's attack began around 3 a.m. in two villages in Panjwai district, a rural region outside Kandahar that is the cradle of the Taliban and where coalition forces have fought for control for years.

The villages are about 500 metres from a U.S. base.

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Data depot

Apple building new data centre

Construction is underway at Apple's data centre in North Carolina, which will be powered in part by a private solar farm being built by the company.

Apple, based in Cupertino, Calif., uses the data centre to store information as part of its iCloud network.

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Swiss voters turn down longer holidays

European austerity. Referendum tested how comfortable the Swiss feel about their traditional safe-haven economy



Swiss voters rejected raising paid vacation to six weeks from four.
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Who turns down a long vacation? Known for their work ethic, Swiss citizens appear to be leading the way on European austerity, rejecting a minimum six weeks paid holiday a year.

Switzerland counted ballots Sunday for several national referendums, including one

Dollars and sense

"In rejecting the initiative, citizens have kept a sense of reality."

Hans-Ulrich Bigler, director of the Swiss Union of Arts and Crafts, which represents around 300,000 businesses

pushed by a union to raise the minimum holiday from four weeks to the standard six used in Germany, Italy, Russia and other European nations. The nation's 26 cantons (states) also held voting on local measures to deal with everything from demonstrators to prostitutes.

The Swiss heeded warnings from government and business that more vacation would raise labour costs and put the economy at risk. Swiss public

broadcaster SSR said two-thirds of voters and all of the cantons had rejected the measure, which required majority approval of all federal and cantonal voters.

"In rejecting the initiative, citizens have kept a sense of reality," said Hans-Ulrich Bigler, director of the Swiss Union of Arts and Crafts, which represents around 300,000 businesses. The referendum, he said in a statement, could have added \$6.52 billion US a year in labour costs to the Swiss economy, but the vote "clearly shows that the population continues to focus on individual freedom and responsibility of citizens."

Swiss campaign group Travail.Suisse collected 125,000 signatures two years ago to demand a vote on whether the vacation quota needed to be raised. It expressed disappointment at the result, but said it was proud it had raised the issue of workers' anxiety. Many Swiss laws result from referendums. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smokers sue. Historic tobacco lawsuit due in Quebec court

In the U.S., tobacco companies have been convicted in a landmark racketeering case and been forced because of other lawsuits to pay out at least \$206 billion US over a quarter-century — a sum bigger than the annual GDP of most countries.

The legal skies have been somewhat less stormy here, but that could change next week.

A class-action lawsuit from smokers who claim they were duped for years by big tobacco companies as they became addicted to cigarettes, then suffered from serious health problems, will have its day in court.

Canada's three largest tobacco companies are set to square off against a group of Quebec smokers in a landmark civil case that is considered the biggest in Canadian history, with up to \$27 billion in damages and penalties at stake.

The battleground will be a Montreal courtroom and the defendants are Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd., Rothmans, Benson & Hedges and JTI-Macdonald.

The case will mark the first time tobacco companies have gone to trial in a civil suit in this country — stemming from two cases that were filed in 1998, certified and consolidated in 2005 by Quebec Superior Court, and marked by motions, delays and appeals.

The allegations in the cases are similar: that the tobacco industry knew full well the effect of its products for years but failed to warn consumers; that it underestimated evidence relating to the harmful effects of tobacco; and that it engaged in unscrupulous marketing and destroyed documents.

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Creative critique

First Nations artist protests pipeline

First Nations artist Roy Henry Vickers says he has decided to take a public stand against Enbridge Inc.'s proposal to build an oil pipeline from Alberta to Kitimat, B.C.

That protest has come in the form of a T-shirt depicting a red oilcan fish against a green-blue background that turns to black at the bottom, signifying Alberta oil. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WANNA PLAY WITH A \$390M DEFICIT?



URBAN COMPASS
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known as backtobalance.ca — is entertaining. And depressingly, face-slappingly educational.

The government created the interactive online budget-making tool as part of its pre-budget consultations.

It allows taxpayers to virtually raise and/or reduce revenues and expenses — and immediately see the bottom-line consequences.

Wanna play?

Let's begin with the government's starting point—a projected budget deficit of \$390 million — and our own biases. Can we bring the numbers back to balance?

Perhaps like me, you think the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes. According to Back to Balance, 9,000 taxpayers making over \$150,000 a year currently pay the top personal tax rate of 21 per cent.

Go to the highest personal income tax rate bar on the page and slide the on-screen slider thingy a full percentage point to the right. A little box pops up telling you've raised \$9.6 million. Just \$9.6 million?

Test your skills

Go to the highest personal income tax rate bar on the page and slide the on-screen slider thingy a full percentage point to the right. A little box pops up telling you've raised \$9.6 million. Just \$9.6 million? A drop in the deficit drain.

granny?

Doctors — we spent \$722 million on salaries and fees for 2,500 doctors last year — make up the second-largest line item in the province's \$3.7 billion health-care budget. We could make big savings here, but how many doctors would we lose if we did?

The point is that it's all a zero-sum game. And actions have consequences.

By the beginning of the month, the backtobalance.ca website — the first of its kind in the country—had had close to 39,000 page views and 458 budget-making submissions.

I only hope they're better than mine.

While not nearly as addictive as Angry Birds, spending a few hours with the province's You-Be-The-Finance-Minister teeter-totter app — more prosaically

A drop in the deficit drain.

Or perhaps you're a delusional, cut-taxes-balance-the-books booster who believes corporations pay too much tax.

Let's lower the general corporate tax rate by one per cent.

Oops. Now you have \$25 million to make up somewhere else before you even begin to dent your deficit number.

You could get that much back by reducing granny's nursing-home bed budget by five per cent, of course, but can you do that to a fast-aging population? And

Doghouse done up Wright



ALISIE GRATEHOUSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSET: RICH PEDRONCELLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Architectural one-off

Master-crafted modest dog digs

Frank Lloyd Wright designed hundreds of landmark buildings during a prolific career that spanned more than seven decades. But in what is widely considered a first and only for the famed architect, Wright indulged a young boy's humble request for a doghouse in 1956 and sent him designs for the structure.

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No charge for the plan



"I was probably his youngest and poorest client."

Jim Berger, 68

Berger poses with his dog, Sir Charles Barkley, holding the letter he received from famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright who he had asked to design a doghouse for him. Berger was 12 when he wrote to Wright in 1956 asking him to design a home for his dog, Eddie. Wright indulged the young boy's humble request for a doghouse and sent him designs for the structure.

12-year-old's request

Wright designed Berger's family's home, prompting the boy to write to the architect.

- "I would appreciate it if you would design me a doghouse, which would be easy to build, but would go with our house," read the letter.

- Berger explained that he would pay Wright from the money he made from his paper route.

Triangular design

3x5x3

Berger rebuilt the doghouse last year with his brother, using the original plans. The roughly three-feet-wide-by-five-feet-long-by-three-feet-high doghouse has a sharp triangular shape, with a sloping shingled roof. It is made of Philippine mahogany and weighs about 113 kilograms.

Weird news

Aging gorilla gets a new, floppy-eared friend

An elderly gorilla that lives at a U.S. zoo has a new companion: A bunny named Panda.

The Erie Zoo's gorilla, Samantha, has been without a full-time friend since the death of Rudy, a male gorilla, in 2005.

But officials at the zoo in Pennsylvania say

the 47-year-old gorilla is too old to be paired with another gorilla. So they decided last month to introduce her to the rabbit last month.

The Erie Times-News reports that Samantha and Panda get along well.

Samantha will gently scratch under the bunny's chin and share her food.

Officials at the zoo say Samantha has always had a gentle personality.

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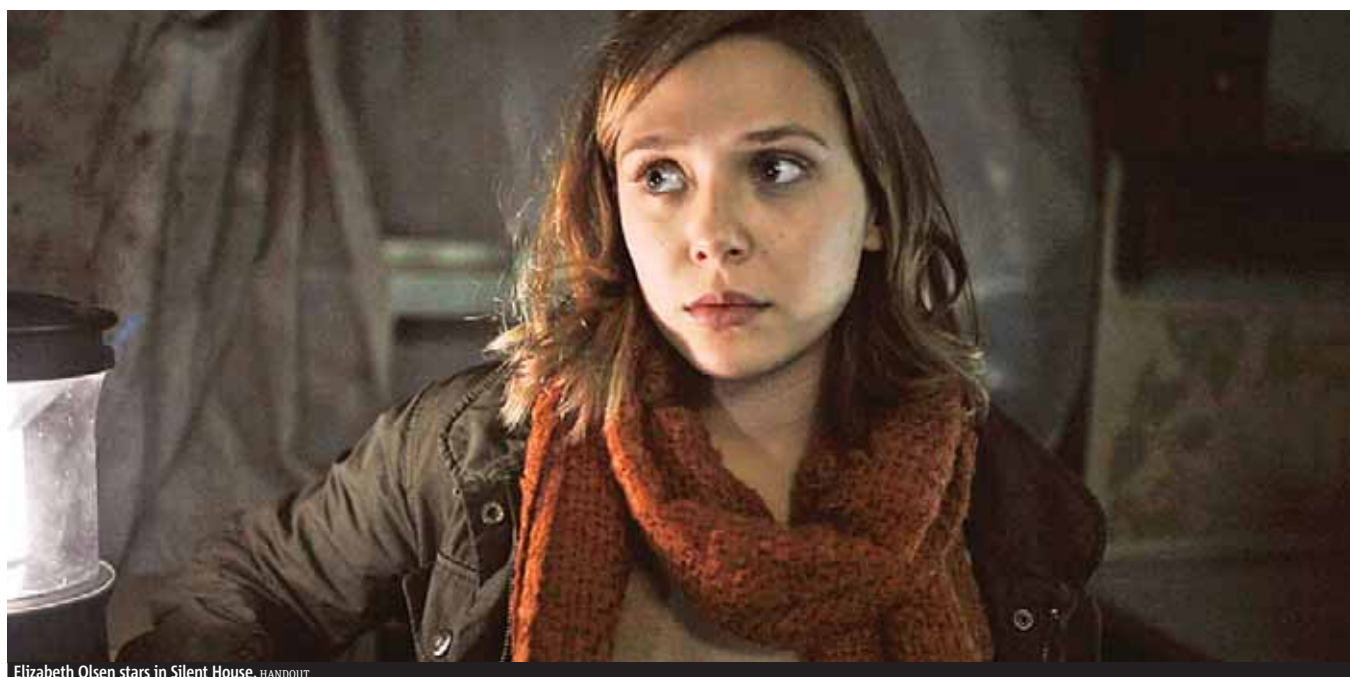
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Elizabeth Olsen stars in *Silent House*. HANDOUT

Elizabeth Olsen ramps up the real-time fear

Acting scared.

Younger Olsen sister says playing horror movie roles comes naturally to her



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Elizabeth Olsen admits taking the lead in the real-time horror movie *Silent House* didn't pose too much of a challenge, acting-wise.

"Becoming scared or something like that isn't the hardest thing, I think, for me

to do," she says. "It's much harder in my mind to do something comedic timing-wise. I find that to be a huge talent."

The ease with which she finds acting scared aside, Olsen is a natural for the horror genre because she's also a huge fan.

"I've been a fan of horror movies since I started watching movies because I was the youngest of four kids, and my brother — who's the oldest in the family — loves scary movies, and I'm very much his sister," she says.

"Arachnophobia was one of the very first movies I grew up on — at a very young age — so that was something I

loved. And when I was probably in fourth grade, a friend of mine and I would sneak into her stepfather's cabinet of movies when they were asleep and we'd watch all the old classics, like *Carrie* and *Children of the Corn*."

Despite her love of scary movies, Olsen admits she's not the best company for viewing them, though.

"My friends really don't like seeing movies with me because I am the loudest one in the audience," she says. "I laugh at things that apparently aren't funny to anyone else. And I scream and then laugh after screaming. I'm a very vocal audience member."

And as much as she loves a good scare, there's one movie she simply refuses to watch: *Open Water*, the lost-at-sea indie fright fest that put *Silent House* co-directors Chris Kentis and Laura Lau on the map.

"I am terrified of the ocean and sharks, and there are just some movies that you just really don't want to put yourself through seeing. And I know from so many people that's a terrifying film, and I know all about the movie and I know the trailer and I know what happened when they were filming with real sharks. I can't see that movie. It would scare me more, and I'm already terrified of the water."

Rising star

Getting choosy

Olsen has recently found her profile in the industry skyrocketing. "I did not think that after a year of trying to work I would be in a position where I got to choose things," she says.

One of those things is writer-director John Krokidas' *Kill Your Darlings*, the beat generation drama co-starring Daniel Radcliffe, Jack Huston and Ben Foster that begins filming in New York this month.

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SCENE



Box office


Lorax tops ticket sales

Dr. Seuss' the *Lorax* has easily beaten Edgar Rice Burroughs' *John Carter* at the weekend box office. Studio estimates Sunday put *The Lorax* at No. 1 for the second-straight weekend as the animated adventure based on the children's book took in \$39.1 million. That raised its 10-day domestic total to \$122 million, making *The Lorax* the year's top-grossing release. *John Carter*, based on Tarzan creator Burroughs' tales of the interplanetary adventurer, opened in second-place with \$30.1 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Will Britney be a judge on X Factor?



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Britney Spears is reportedly close to signing a deal to be a new judge for the second season of the U.S. version of X Factor, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

And who's supposedly handling the deal for her? None other than her fiancé and former agent, Jason Trawick. Spears was rumoured to be a top

contender to fill one of the judging spots left empty after Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger departed the show.

"Are we flattered that there could be interest? Yes," Simon Cowell said last month, adding that he "can't confirm or deny any of those rumors at the moment."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Money

What is Whitney worth?



THE WORD
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Although Whitney Houston's daughter Bobbi is set to inherit her mother's entire "fortune," a 2007 legal document uncovered by Radar Online shows that Houston's estate might not be as much as people are assuming.

An income and expense declaration during her divorce proceedings with Bobby Brown states that at the time, Houston had \$40,000 in cash, \$225,000 in stocks, and earned in excess of \$1 million for performances, per the site.

She declared owning two homes: one house in New Jersey, which was worth \$6.5 million (with \$3.247 million owed on the estate), and a townhouse in Atlanta, which was worth \$1.244 million (a reported \$1,046,603 was owed on

that property).

"Whitney's bottom line was that she had \$10,242,931 in various assets, and had debts totaling \$4,294,014," states Radar Online.

Two things that might change the bottom line:

1. Any "income declaration" you're going to show your ex-husband who is seeking your hard-earned money is going to hide a ton of cash.

2. Houston's recording contract was not listed as it was "considered separate property due to the prenuptial agreement the former couple had."

However, it's important to remember that Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists — having sold over 170 million albums, singles and videos worldwide. In 2001 she signed the biggest record deal in music history with Arista/BMG for \$100 million to deliver six new albums, on which she would also earn royalties. Yes, that contract is "separate" from that 2007 document but still, you would think there would be more cash than just \$6 million.

Paps can't find Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan is no longer shacking up at the Chateau Marmont, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay left the hotel about two-and-a-half weeks ago. It was only temporary, but her new digs could be permanent," a source says.



And where exactly are those new digs? "For the first time in 10 years, the paparazzi don't know where she is living and she is enjoying not being hounded," the source adds. "Great precautions are being made whenever Lindsay comes and goes from her new residence so that she isn't spotted. Of course, that can't last forever, but it's a nice break for her to just relax a bit at home like a normal person."

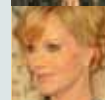
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my 4 yr old grandson Ari asked why he should vote 4 me? i said, "because it means more cookies 4 U!"
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Had the always great pleasure of spending time with Ms. Sharon Stone today! On her birthday!!



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While studies differ on whether stay-at-home moms or working moms are happier, there are many other factors to a woman's happiness. ISTOCK

Stay-at-home mom versus working mom

Who's happier? It all depends on who you ask. Our Mommyish writer looks into the schism and wonders what it says about us



If you go by the latest British government study, stay-at-home moms are as content and satisfied with their lives as those who choose to work.

And yet another recent U.S. study, this one by care.com, found that eight out of 10 mothers enjoy being a working parent. In fact, a whopping 64 per cent said that work does not interfere with their ability to be a good parent. (I find this shocking, by the way.)

While the results of both studies are actually quite uplifting, I always take studies like these with a grain of salt.

Why? Because, like any controversial parenting topic out there, you can find whatever it is you're looking for on Google.

For example, I typed "co-sleeping is safe" into

Google and got 23,800,000 results. I then typed "co-sleeping is dangerous" and up came 2,650,000 results ("co-sleeping kills" gets 1,570,000).

My point is that you'll find tens of thousands of official "studies" and "expert opinions" on any given topic — and you'll choose to believe whatever it is you were looking for in the first place.

The same applies to the whole working mom vs. stay-at-home mom debate.

It's astounding to me how many studies have been conducted on the subject. And yet a woman's happiness level is based on so many factors that have nothing to do with research and statistics.

I have friends who stay at home who are very fulfilled. Actually, they're more than fulfilled! Most of them are busy, sure, but they still have time for daily workouts and social interaction (especially those with school-aged children).

I have an equal number of friends who have gone totally batty not working. In fact, they've chosen to go back to work for their own sanity even if they didn't need the money. (And, yes, they feel guilty about their decision.)

Of course, it would be nice if we all that choice — most women simply have to work

for financial reasons — but that's a whole other topic. (Let it be known that I also have friends who work and end up giving 100 per cent of their salary to their nanny.)

The same schism can be seen among the working moms I know (myself included).

We are forever feeling guilty about leaving our kids each day — despite what that care.com study claims — and yet we have even more guilt about not giving 100 per cent to our jobs because we're too busy focusing on our families.

Then there are the work-from-home moms, who have either the best or worst of both worlds — depending on how you look at it.

No matter what the "experts" tell us, only we know what works for our own family. And most moms I know need to be reminded of that every so often (OK, who are kidding? More like every day). Consider this your daily reminder.

Besides, if happiness could really be defined as stay-at-home mom versus working mother, we'd all have the golden answer. If only things were that simple...

SHAWNA COHEN (MOMMYISH.COM)



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LIFE

Involve the kids

Kitchen helpers

Even young children can participate in meal preparation. Here's how:

- Let them tear foods like lettuce and pull grapes from vines.
- Have them set the oven timer and tell you when it's done.
- Allow them to push buttons on blenders, toasters and microwaves (with supervision).
- Get them to measure and then mix ingredients.

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On the Web



Columnist's earnest review of Olive Garden becomes sensation.

Wild Rice Casserole: An elegant side dish for winter



This recipe serve six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

This side dish idea is full of delicious dried fruits along with an apple to give you a sweet and tart tasting casserole.

Enjoy it alongside any family favourite roast.

1 In a small saucepan set over medium-high heat, melt butter; sauté onion and celery for 4 to 5 minutes or until soft. Stir in rosemary and thyme; remove from heat.

2 In a large bowl, combine cooked rice with onion mixture and stir in dates, apple, ham, apricots, salt and pepper.

Ingredients

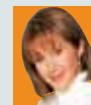
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried rosemary
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dried thyme
- 1 L (4 cups) cooked wild and long grain rice mixture
- 250 ml (1 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 1 cooking apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) diced cooked ham
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced dried apricots
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fresh pepper

3 Spoon into a buttered 2-l (8-cup) baking dish. Cover and bake in 180 C (350 F) oven for 30 minutes or until hot.

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Cheetos (54 chips, 100 g)

600 cals, 40 g fat, 1,040 mg sodium

These cornmeal fried snacks have half your daily calories and sodium in one serving. A long list of ingredients including artificial flavours and colour is a red flag.



Equivalent

Eating 54 Cheetos is equivalent in fat to eating 10 mini messy chicken sandwiches from the kids' menu at Swiss Chalet.



Baked Lay's Chips (52 chips, 100 g)

400 calories, 6 g fat, 460 mg sodium

This is a much healthier snack in terms of fat and sodium with no preservatives. Just watch your portions.



Top Chef Canada returns

TV show. Season 1 became the highest rated show in Food Network Canada's history. Season 2 boasts a new host

Top Chef Canada season 2 boasts "bigger, more intense challenges" than those in season 1, but don't expect head judge and superstar cook Mark McEwan to be harder on this batch of contestants.

In fact, of the season 1 hopefuls, McEwan says: "I actually felt we pushed them too hard."

"I had moments where I thought maybe we were unfair, in terms of a balanced playing field," the renowned Toronto chef said in an interview to discuss Monday's season 2 debut on Food Network Canada.

"As it turned out, that wasn't the case because it all found a nice level. But I don't think you could be harder on them. I really don't," added McEwan, who runs the upscale restaurants North 44, Bymark, ONE and Fabbria. "We had people cry-

ing, screaming, yelling. It was more emotion."

"I think personalities and the group dynamic between the chefs was sparky," said season 2 host Lisa Ray, star of films including Cooking with Stella and Oscar-nominated Water.

Ray replaces last season's host, Thea Andrews, who couldn't return because she was pregnant at the time of taping last August.

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Entrepreneur Manjit Minhas has brewed a \$120 million business



TURNING POINT
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Manjit Minhas' lemonade stand in Calgary had a revolving sign.

The 10-year-old entrepreneur, along with her brother Ravinder, would charge the kids in their neighbourhood 25 cents a cup. When an adult would approach, their sign switched to 50 cents.

"My mom wasn't impressed," Manjit laughs, "but we thought we were really smart."

By the time they got to University, Manjit and her

brother had created an in-house brand of spirits for their parent's liquor store chain, and then got into the beer business by creating Mountain Crest Lager.

Their "Buck a Beer" marketing campaign caught fire and the profits started to roll in.

In 2006 they bought one of the oldest breweries in the U.S., and became the youngest brewery owners in the World.

Five years later, their companies posted revenues in excess of \$120 million.

"I'm 31 years old, I couldn't really ask for anything else. I have a healthy family, friends and business. We've been at this a decade and there have been failures along the way but they are good learning points," says Manjit.

Now, that's turning the lemons of business into brewery gold.

That's the spirit!

Advice from an entrepreneur

- **Believe in your product.** Have passion for what you do.
- **Set your goals.** They will provide a vision for yourself and the company.
- **Keep a tight pocket in the beginning.** Expenses can go out of control and make or break you. It's important to keep a close eye on overhead.
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video games. "The average for kids — from eight to 18 — in terms of screen time is 52.5 hours a week. We're talking about sedentary lifestyles, childhood obesity, all of that stuff, and that's the stuff that I work on directly."

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SPORTS



More Final 8

Accolades rush in for Carleton's Scrubb

Philip Scrubb added to his list of awards after an impressive weekend in Halifax. The third-year Carleton Ravens guard averaged 23 points per game and knocked down 11 three-pointers to lead his team to a national title, earning tournament MVP honours on top of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport player of the year award he earned last Thursday. He was also named a Final 8 all-star along with Ravens teammate Tyson Hinz; Alberta's Daniel Ferguson and Sahr Saffa; Fraser Valley's Kyle Grewal; and St. Francis Xavier's Terry Thomas.



Alberta Golden Bears forward Todd Bergen-Henengouwen reacts to a perceived blown call during the CIS men's basketball championship game in Halifax on Sunday. The Carleton Ravens knocked off the Golden Bears 86-67. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Ravens put stamp on dominant CIS season

CIS basketball.

Carleton ties Victoria's all-time record with eighth men's basketball title before crowd of 3,524 at Metro Centre



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The Carleton Ravens came to Halifax with a group of diehard fans flaunting the T-shirt slogan "chasing gr8ness," and left having achieved it in dominating fashion.

The Ravens completed an undefeated season for the ages on Sunday with their record-tying eighth Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's basketball title in the past 10 years, matching the Victoria Vikes' standard by beating the Alberta Golden Bears 86-67 in the Final 8

championship game at the Metro Centre.

Carleton completed a remarkable 34-game run of wins in which it outscored opponents by an average of 38.6 points in the regular season and a comfortable 17-point margin in three games at the Final 8.

"It's pretty special," said tournament MVP Philip Scrubb after delivering a 26-point effort, as the Ravens celebrated their seventh straight win on the Metro Centre hardwood. "A lot of guys put a lot of time and effort into this program and it's good to carry on the tradition. We just try to win every year, and to get eight is just amazing."

It was clear it was going to be a good day for the Ravens when Scrubb and Tyson Hinz — the reigning CIS players of the year — hit 13-of-18 shots in the first half and combined for 35 points to put the Golden Bears in a 20-point hole at the break.

Coach's comment

"Holy Moses, we're so soft."

Ravens head coach Dave Smart, on the sidelines in Sunday's championship game, with his team up by 25 points in the third quarter.

But if it wasn't Hinz or Scrubb terrorizing opponents, somebody else inevitably stepped up, usually with a well-timed dagger from three-point range.

Willy Manigat, a fifth-year guard who comes off the bench, nailed seven three-pointers in the final two games. Thomas Scrubb, Philip's older brother and another key sub off the bench, dropped four of five from beyond the arc in a semifinal win over the Fraser Valley Cascades on Saturday. Elliott Thompson, a fifth-year starter, sank four threes in the fourth quarter on Friday to knock off the home-province favourite Acadia Axemen in the quarter-finals.

"It takes a team effort," said Hinz, who had 16 of his 20 points in the first half. "Everyone has to step up at different points. As everyone saw here this weekend, somebody different stepped up for us every quarter."

It wasn't just about scoring for the Ravens. No opponent cracked the 70-point barrier against them at the Final 8, a credit to their overall team defence.

"It's not just one or two good players," said Golden Bears head coach Greg Francis. "He (Ravens head coach Dave Smart) has a system, he develops guys, and he's become the model and the gold standard in the country."

Eight might not be enough for the Ravens' seemingly unquenchable title thirst, with only three players not eligible to return next season.

"I just hope the guys can beat it next year," Thompson said with a smile. "I think that'd be a bit better than tying it."

Over the weekend

The tournament's three-day attendance total was 23,067, with a high of 5,789 taking in Saturday's evening semifinals and another 5,181 on hand for Friday's quarter-final nightcap.

- The St. Francis Xavier X-Men fell to Alberta in Saturday's semifinal but won a bronze medal on Sunday with an 89-86 win over the Fraser Valley Cascades.
- "Overall I thought we came in here and proved ourselves as one of the top teams in the country," said X-Men head coach Steve Konchalski.
- The Acadia Axemen bowed out to Carleton in Friday's quarter-finals, but the 14-point loss was the Ravens' second-closest game all season. They trailed by only four in the fourth quarter.

Sports in pictures



1 **Curling.**
Ontario wins Brier

Ontario's Glenn Howard won the Canadian men's curling championship Sunday night in Saskatoon. Howard defeated Alberta's Kevin Koe 7-6 in the Tim Hortons Brier final.

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2 **NFL.** Cards try to woo Manning

Peyton Manning spent nearly 6 1/2 hours at the Arizona Cardinals' headquarters and training facility on Sunday in meetings designed to lure the superstar to the desert.

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3 **Tennis.** Early win for Milos

Canadian Milos Raonic dominated Argentine Carlos Berlocq 6-4, 6-2, Sunday, ending with back-to-back aces to begin his campaign at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif.

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NBL of Canada. Rainmen on brink of date with London Lightning in championship series

The Halifax Rainmen are a win away from facing the London Lightning in the National Basketball League of Canada final.

The Rainmen took the opener of their NBL Canada best-of-three semifinal against the Quebec Kebs on Sunday with a 96-87 road win.

Because the Rainmen have home-court advantage in the series, they host the final two games — if necessary — on Thursday and Friday at the Metro Centre.

"It puts us in the driver's seat," said Rainmen guard

Bryan McCullough. "We played our game and everybody contributed. Everybody scored and everybody played hard, and it was a good win."

"Especially after a 14-hour trip like that," added Rainmen head coach Josep (Pep) Claros.

Six players hit double figures led by 16-point efforts from Chris Hagen and Lawrence Wright and 12 points apiece from Justin Johnson and Darnell Hugee.

First-place London swept the other semifinal against the Saint John Mill Rats.

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Schedule

NBL Canada best-of-three semifinal (Halifax leads 1-0)

• **Sunday**, Halifax 96 Quebec 87

• **Thursday**, Quebec at Halifax, 7 p.m.

• **Friday**, x-Quebec at Halifax, 7 p.m.

x — if necessary; winner plays London Lightning in final



Lawrence Wright of the Rainmen.

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Bluenoser Johnson heads into Madness

NCAA basketball.

North Preston native books trip to March Madness with St. Bonaventure after big win over Xavier

Fresh off winning their first Atlantic 10 Conference tournament, Chris Johnson and the St. Bonaventure Bonnies are the 14th seed in the NCAA tournament's East Region, and will open against Florida State at Nashville, Tenn., on Friday.

Johnson, who hails from North Preston, is in his first season of NCAA hoops with the Bonnies.

The Bonnies (20-11) learned of their seeding in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sunday, hours after beating Xavier 67-56 in the championship game. Andrew Nicholson, a Mississauga, Ont., native who was A10 player of the year, had 26 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocks.

The 17th-ranked Seminoles upset North Carolina 85-82 earlier in the day to win the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

The Bonnies earned their sixth tournament berth and first since 2000. It's a significant step forward for a program that had floundered because of a recruiting scandal that abruptly ended the Bonnies' 2002-03 season and led to NCAA violations.

Johnson, a six-foot-five guard, had just two points in Sunday's win, but had 14 points, three rebounds and a steal in 24 minutes off the bench in Saturday's 84-80 semifinal win over Massachusetts.

He attended Kilgore College in Texas for two seasons from 2008 through 2010 and did not play in 2011 before joining St. Bonaventure. He averaged 6.6 points and 2.3 rebounds this season.

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Mad Nova Scotians

Only two Nova Scotians are known to have appeared in March Madness:

- Pictou's Bryson Johnson with Bucknell in 2011 and Corey Hallett of Sandy Point, Shelburne Co., with Monmouth in 2006.



St. Bonaventure's Chris Johnson, left, of Nova Scotia, collides with Massachusetts' Chaz Williams on Saturday. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

QMJHL

Playoff picture coming into focus for Mooseheads

With the regular season winding down, the Halifax Mooseheads will finish no higher than sixth and no lower than eighth in the QMJHL standings.

The Mooseheads, who host the P.E.I. Rocket on Monday and the Saint John Sea Dogs on Wednesday, have just four games remaining.

With a 37-21-6 record and 80 points, they can no longer catch the fifth-place Victoriaville Tigres (90 points), and they're tied for sixth with the Rimouski Oceanic with two games in hand.

The eighth-place Chicoutimi Saguenéens, who have three games remaining, are three points behind the Mooseheads and Oceanic.

If the playoffs started Monday, the Mooseheads would face the Val-d'Or Foreurs in the first round.

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Soccer

Canada on way to U-20 World Cup

Canada has booked its ticket for the FIFA under-20 Women's World Cup in Japan.

The Canadians qualified on Friday with a 6-0 victory over host Panama in the semifinals of the eight-country CONCACAF U-20 Women's Championship.

Nkem Ezurike of Lower Sackville scored for undefeated Canada (4-0-0).

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NBA



"Andrew is too big. You can't teach that."

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant after urging coach Mike Brown to use him as a decoy and draw up the game-clinching play for centre Andrew Bynum, a high-percentage shot that sealed Los Angeles' 97-94 win over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

NHL

Pens thump Bruins to extend streak

James Neal had a goal and two assists, and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat Boston 5-2 on Sunday for their ninth straight victory. Chris Kunitz, Arron Asham, Pascal Dupis and Matt Niskanen also scored for Pittsburgh.

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PGA

Rose victorious as Tiger falls to injury

Justin Rose closed with a 2-under 70 on Sunday for a one-shot win over Bubba Watson at the Cadillac Championship in Doral, Fla. Tiger Woods withdrew after 11 holes with soreness in his left Achilles tendon.

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NFL

49ers to take look at receiver Moss

Wide receiver Randy Moss is set to work out Monday for the San Francisco 49ers, a person with knowledge of the situation said. Moss is attempting to make an NFL comeback after a year out of pro football.

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Randy Moss

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March Madness

Tar Heels still No. 1 seed after loss in ACC title game

North Carolina earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and will begin play on Friday despite an 85-82 loss to Florida State in the ACC championship on Sunday.

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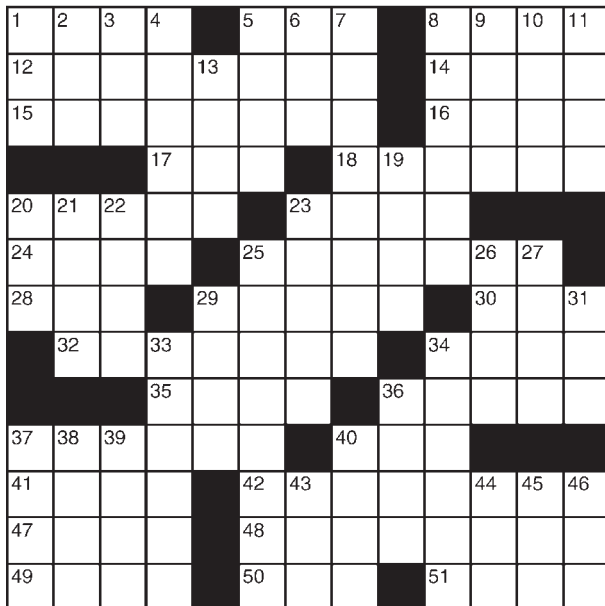
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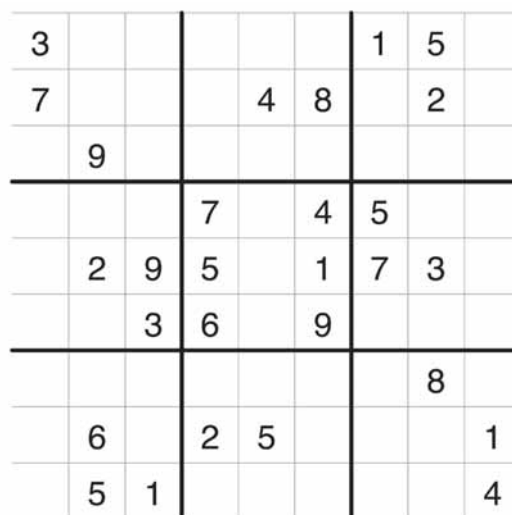
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Aim high by all means but don't lose sight of your limits.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You may feel rather emotional today and you would be wise not to keep it bottled up inside you.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You always have lots of ideas but the idea you have today will trump everything that went before.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Dealings with people in authority could be difficult today, so keep your emotions in check and don't take criticism personally.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Other people may be stunned by how

quickly you make up your mind and get things done today but they shouldn't be.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You may not have a choice about some of the things you are required to do today but you do have a choice about how you do them.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You need to let partners and loved ones know how much you care.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

This is a hectic time for you and there are still a number of tasks that will need to be finished over the next few days.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Strive to see the bright side of

each and every situation you find yourself in, and if there really isn't a bright side, well, make one up!

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Some people may snap at you for no particular reason today but don't take their negativity seriously.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Today's cosmic set-up suggests that you may be required to change direction suddenly and in a way that is not to your liking.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

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• **J.J. SweetHeart.**
Sometimes I lay in bed late at night thinking about you, the time we spent together, what we shared with each other on Valentine's day, what we will soon share and experience over the summer. I am looking forward to getting to know you more. I care about you and you are the most important person in my life babe.
From Stoic Soldier

• **Miserable Girl.** You told me you were going back home away from here and it just broke my heart. Because maybe in another time, another place, another world, we would have met earlier and maybe just maybe would you have stayed. But your ticket is bought. Your friends are waiting for you back home. And I'm here hoping for a second chance. I'll miss you.
From Too Nice

• **answer.** What you said to me was totally unfair btw, sorry I'm not like my talpc dark, italian half sister, she got the good side, not me, all we share is past promiscuity...
From Crying



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